

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To amend the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 1998, to promote the prevention of youth heroin use.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—110th Cong., 1st Sess.

S. 456

To increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. CORNYN

Viz:

1 At the end of title III, add the following:

2 **SEC. 3 ____ . NATIONAL YOUTH ANTI-HEROIN MEDIA CAM-**
3 **PAIGN.**

4 Section 709 of the Office of National Drug Control
5 Policy Reauthorization Act of 1998 (21 U.S.C. 1708) is
6 amended—

1 (1) by redesignating subsections (k) and (l) as
2 subsections (l) and (m), respectively; and

3 (2) by inserting after subsection (j) the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(k) PREVENTION OF HEROIN ABUSE.—

6 “(1) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

7 “(A) Heroin, and particularly the form
8 known as ‘cheese heroin’ (a drug made by mix-
9 ing black tar heroin with diphenhydramine),
10 poses a significant and increasing threat to
11 youth in the United States.

12 “(B) Drug organizations import heroin
13 from outside of the United States, mix the
14 highly addictive drug with diphenhydramine,
15 and distribute it mostly to youth.

16 “(C) Since the initial discovery of cheese
17 heroin on Dallas school campuses in 2005, at
18 least 21 minors have died after overdosing on
19 cheese heroin in Dallas County.

20 “(D) The number of arrests involving pos-
21 session of cheese heroin in the Dallas area dur-
22 ing the 2006-2007 school year increased over
23 60 percent from the previous school year.

24 “(E) The ease of communication via the
25 Internet and cell phones allows a drug trend to

1 spread rapidly across the country, creating a
2 national threat.

3 “(F) Gangs recruit youth as new members
4 by providing them with this inexpensive drug.

5 “(G) Reports show that there is rampant
6 ignorance among youth about the dangerous
7 and potentially fatal effects of cheese heroin.

8 “(2) PREVENTION OF HEROIN ABUSE.—In con-
9 ducting advertising and activities otherwise author-
10 ized under this section, the Director shall promote
11 prevention of youth heroin use, including cheese her-
12 oin.”.